

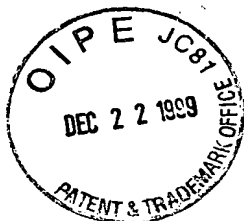
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
L. BARANOVA et al.

Application No.: 09/076,956

Filed: May 13, 1998

For: PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF
NUCLEIC ACIDS ON A SOLID
SUPPORT AND COMPOUNDS WHICH
ARE USEFUL IN PARTICULAR AS
SOLID SUPPORTS IN THE SAID
PROCESS



Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: L. Crane

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 23, 1999, Applicants submit herewith the following amendments and remarks for consideration and entry into the record of the above captioned application. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee.

IN THE CLAIMS

✓
Please cancel claims 48-79 without prejudice.

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Please add new claims 80-103 as follows:

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on 3-2-00